



King County

**INVOLUNTARY COMMITMENT SPECIALIST I
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND HUMAN SERVICES
MENTAL HEALTH, CHEMICAL ABUSE AND DEPENDENCY SERVICES DIVISION**

Hourly Rate Range \$24.24 – \$29.62

Job Announcement: 05VB5042

OPEN: 3/21/05 CLOSE: Open Until Filled

WHO MAY APPLY: This temporary recruitment is open to the general public.

WHERE TO APPLY: Required forms and materials **must** be sent to: Elizabeth Baker, 900 Fourth Avenue, Suite 625, Seattle, WA 98164. Contact Liz Pacheco, Dave Phillips, or Michael Leake at 206-296-5296 for further inquiries. **PLEASE NOTE:** Applications not received at the location specified above may not be processed.

FORMS AND MATERIALS REQUIRED: •A [King County application form](http://www.metrokc.gov/ohrm/jobs/), •current resume, and •written responses to the questionnaire. A King County application can be downloaded from the King County web site, <http://www.metrokc.gov/ohrm/jobs/>, or picked up from Room 450 in the King County Administration Building, 500 4th Avenue, Seattle

WORK LOCATION: Primary work site: Union Bank of California Building at 900 4th Avenue, Seattle, WA 98164. Other work sites as necessary to perform job duties.

WORK SCHEDULE: Temporary on-call positions are available, and the work schedule is variable, including nights, weekends, and holidays, and availability for Court on scheduled days off.

PRIMARY JOB DUTIES INCLUDE:

- Provide crisis outreach services throughout King County.
- Investigate allegations, gather evidence, conduct clinical evaluations, and decide, in accordance with RCW 71.05 and 71.34, if psychiatric hospitalization is needed or if referral to other resources is appropriate.
- Prepare witness statements, serve subpoenas and legal papers, and testify at court hearings. Complete required legal forms and written documentation of investigation activities.
- Coordinate the processing of involuntarily committed individuals through the legal system.

QUALIFICATIONS:

1. A master's degree in social work, nursing, behavioral sciences, or a related field, and
2. At least five years of experience in the direct evaluation and treatment of persons with mental illness under the supervision of a mental health professional;
3. Must be able to work varied shifts, in a high stress environment
4. Must be physically able to enter and rapidly exit residences throughout King County; and be able to do extensive hand written documentation.

NECESSARY SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: At the time of appointment the candidate must possess a valid, unencumbered Washington State driver's license. An offer of employment will be contingent on the success of a pre-employment physical examination and passing a Washington State Patrol background check.

UNION MEMBERSHIP: Positions in this classification are represented by Local 925 of SEIU with membership required within 30 days of employment.

CLASS CODE: 1051

SEQUENCE NUMBER: 0000

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QUESTIONNAIRE

Provide a concise written response indicating your background in each of the following areas. Please print your last name and first initial at the top of each page you submit.

- I. DESCRIBE YOUR EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND, TRAINING, AND WORK EXPERIENCE RELATING TO YOUR ABILITY TO ASSESS MENTAL DISORDERS. SPECIFICALLY ADDRESS YOUR ABILITY TO:**
- Apply knowledge of mental disorders.
 - Apply knowledge of behavioral indicators of alcoholism.
 - Apply knowledge of behavioral indicators of drug abuse.
 - Apply knowledge of indicators of an individual at risk to harm self.
 - Apply knowledge of indicators of an individual at risk to harm others.
- II. DESCRIBE YOUR EDUCATION BACKGROUND, TRAINING, AND WORK EXPERIENCE RELATING TO YOUR ABILITY TO COMMUNICATE. SPECIFICALLY ADDRESS YOUR ABILITY TO:**
- Apply knowledge of effective interviewing techniques.
 - Summarize interviews, assessments, and plans.
 - Accurately and thoroughly fill out forms, case reports, logs, etc.
 - Give oral presentations to groups, give court testimony, etc.
 - Explain complex clinical and legal issues/decisions to others.
- III. DESCRIBE YOUR EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND, TRAINING, AND WORK EXPERIENCE RELATING TO YOUR ABILITY TO WORK WITH MENTALLY ILL INDIVIDUALS AND THEIR FAMILIES. SPECIFICALLY ADDRESS YOUR ABILITY TO:**
- Establish rapport with mentally ill individuals.
 - Evaluate mentally ill individuals in their homes or other non-office settings.
 - Perform job duties in unpleasant or potentially dangerous situations and/or settings.
 - Calm agitated, angry, or distraught individuals.
 - Maintain sensitivity to age, race, sexual orientation, disability of individuals.
 - Support, educate, and gain cooperation of families and significant others.
- IV. DESCRIBE YOUR EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND, TRAINING, AND WORK EXPERIENCE RELATING TO YOUR ABILITY TO WORK WITHIN LEGAL PARAMETERS INVOLVING INVOLUNTARY COMMITMENTS. SPECIFICALLY ADDRESS YOUR ABILITY TO:**
- Apply knowledge of involuntary commitment laws.
 - Read and apply laws and legal guidelines to specific cases.
 - Apply knowledge of state and local laws affecting involuntary commitments.
 - Interact with members of the legal profession and/or court.